



February 2008

PMO SIG Local Interest Group - Minutes

Main Topic: "Simple Solutions" by Lisa DiTullio – A book review by Gus Sanchez

Secretary:

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Member Announcements
 - Job opportunities (within our companies, industries, etc.)
 - Remember to use a Monster search agent
 - Maude also suggested "Indeed.com" (<http://www.indeed.com>), an "aggregator" of job postings, from where she landed her most recent gig after having been sought out by the company. Maude also recommended refreshing/reposting your information regularly, so that you come to the top of the list.
 - <http://www.directemployers.com> was yet another resource mentioned. As the name implies, this is meant to be a place where employers go directly.
 - Tools – Project, time management, specialty, ...
 - Innotas – SaaS PPM (<http://www.innotas.com>) – Gus explained how this organization has a very informative 5-minute demo of their product. He is considering this for his company. Also, Daptiv (formerly e-Project) is an application he plans to explore.
 - Carol said that her company was in the midst of upgrading their Mercury PPM software. We can check back with her next month.
 - Articles of Interest
 - For this month's topic, Gus created a "book review template", which he will post on the web site for use by others.
 - Carol mentioned that the PMI had a "Bookshelf" where you could read lots of valuable information. You can't print from the site, but you can read online.
 - Other meetings/seminars of interest
 - Maude shared her experience at a recent NYC chapter meeting that was titled "Advanced Interviewing Techniques". Here she learned that your "Thank You" note should be "meaty", and a page or more long. Not, simply, a quick paragraph or two. You need to insert your professional experience and demonstrate that you were listening and can reiterate that company's challenges, etc. The NYC chapter does not charge a fee, but you do have to register in advance.
3. Success (or Blunder) of the Month
 - Not covered. Short on time.
4. Problem/Challenge of the Month
 - Not covered. Short on time.
5. Main Topic
 - Refer to the document "Book_Review-Simple_Solutions.pdf" on the PMO SIG page.

Other

1. The topic planned for March will be (To Be Announced)

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7:45 - 8:45 PM

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